

Open Government Partnership

Criteria & Standards Monthly Call

25 July 2024 | 10:00 - 11:00 ET

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

- Government of Germany (chair) (Sebastian Haselbeck)
- Government of the United States (Kiril Jakimovski)
- Government of Chile (Valeria Lübbert, Claudia Montero)
- Lucy McTernan (chair)
- Nikhil Dutta (on behalf of Doug Rutzen)
- Natalia Carfi
- Zuki Kota
- OGP Support Unit (Alonso Cerdan, Tinatin Ninua, Jaime Mercado)

Apologies:

- Government of Nigeria

1. Implications of the latest developments on the Georgia Response Policy case and agreement on the way forward [for C&S decision] - 45 minutes

- The C&S co-chairs, the Government of Germany and Lucy McTernan, provided an overview of the official letter sent by the Government of Georgia, dated July 5, 2024 (see attached). The Subcommittee welcomed the high-level commitment expressed by the Georgian government and acknowledged the request for an extension of the deadline for addressing the [Stage One recommendations](#) issued by the subcommittee on May 6, 2024.
- C&S members also discussed the developments since the issuance of Stage One recommendations and their implications on the Response Policy process, including the adoption of the Law on Transparency of Foreign Influence and the EU's decision to halt Georgia's accession to the bloc, both of which are central to the Stage One recommendations.
- Considering that the circumstances under which Stage One recommendations were issued have changed, and to maintain a fair and equal approach to applying the Response Policy, the C&S Subcommittee requested the Support Unit to:
 1. Conduct an assessment of whether complying with the Stage One recommendations is still viable.
 2. Hold a meeting with the Georgian government to discuss how the government plans to address the issues raised in the letter of concern in light of the latest developments.
- The C&S Subcommittee agreed that, based on the findings of the assessment and considering any inputs provided by the government and other Georgian stakeholders,

the subcommittee will reconvene to determine the appropriate next steps to handle the Response Policy case.

2. Overview of upcoming SC rotation on October 1st and call for new C&S Co-Chairs [non-decisional] - 15 minutes

- After serving as Co-Chairs of the C&S Subcommittee since October 2020, and with the desire to pass leadership to a new set of chairs, the government of Germany and Lucy McTernan announced their decision to step down as co-chairs of the subcommittee, effective October 1, 2024. C&S members and the Support Unit expressed their heartfelt gratitude for their leadership over the years.
- The co-chairs encouraged all C&S members to consider expressing their interest in serving as the next C&S chairs by making their intentions known to the current chairs and the Support Unit via email, and offered to speak bilaterally with any interested members.
- The Support Unit provided an overview of the upcoming SC rotation, the process for determining subcommittee membership, and selecting new co-chairs. SU agreed to bring this item for further discussion in the upcoming C&S meetings.